

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
P.O. BOX 308
SOMERS, CT 06071**

**WPCA MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
March 1, 2011
TOWN HALL – 7:30 pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the regular meeting of the WPCA to order at 7:42 pm. Members present included: Charles Colby, Daniel Fraro, Steve Getman, and George VanTasel. Also present: Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian.

II. MINUTES (2/8/2011 & 1/4/11):

Mr. Botellio asked the members for comments or corrections on the 2/8/11 Minutes. Mr. Getman pointed out he was absent from the 2/8/11 WPCA, and should not have been listed in Section I, Call To Order, paragraph 1, as present.

A motion was made by Mr. VanTasel to approve the 2/8/2011 Minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. Colby, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

Mr. Botellio asked the members for comments or corrections on the 1/4/11 Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. VanTasel to approve the 1/4/2011 Minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Colby, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

III. SUNSET DRIVE – TCP WELL WATER REMEDIATION PROJECT:

Mr. Jacobs informed members that they have received the 2nd Grant reimbursement for the project from the DEP, in the amount of \$53,575.00. He added that all costs to date have been covered by the Grant, with the exception of the fire hydrants; which was expected.

Mr. Jacobs stated that the extended deadline (3/1/11) for the final 3 homeowners to sign up for the project expired today. He said he had been contacted by 2 of those residents, who re-stated they were not interested, and no contact from the last residence however the return receipt was received from the certified mail. Mr. Jacobs said he will be sending a list of homeowners to Folsom Construction so that they can begin to schedule appointments.

IV. SOMERSVILLE WPCF - Generator

Mr. Jacobs stated that they are waiting on delivery of the new generator, which had been anticipated by March 1st. He emailed Huntington Power, and has not heard back from them as yet. He added that the monthly rental of the current generator runs through March 11th.

Mr. Jacobs said he had emailed the First Selectman regarding advertising the old generator for parts. He was informed that the Town may have other equipment to sell. Mr. Botiello and Mr. VanTasel suggested keeping the First Selectman's office in the loop, but to move forward with advertising the old generator.

Mr. Jacobs told members he had spoken with the president of Weld Power regarding the outstanding invoice tabled at the last WPCA meeting. The president of Weld Power agreed to not charge the Town for the 2nd visit travel charges (\$295.50). The members agreed this was a fair resolution.

V. SEWER/WATER BILLING & COLLECTION:

Mr. Jacobs told member, he and Mr. Botiello met with the Board of Selectmen. The BOS proposed having the WPCA pay for the collection and new billing software. Mr. Botiello said they will meet with the Tax Collector regarding the cost and also to determine that the proposed software can actually do the job. He added that since they had given the current billing software system to the Tax Collector's office, the WPCA should not have to pay for installation of the new software.

Mr. Colby asked about the need for a new system, the learning curve involved; which will require Mr. Jacobs' time and why the WPCA should incur the cost. Mr. Botiello responded that the First Selectman believes the new software will require 1/3 of the time. He restated his intent to review the cost, and make certain the software can meet the Town's needs.

A motion was made by Mr. Colby to add an Agenda item, Executive Session as number VI, and alter the order of the original Agenda items to follow. The motion was seconded by Mr. Getman, and then unanimously voted as approved by members unanimously voted as approved by members.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Gingras/Lipton vs. Town of Somers litigation: Atty. Landolina and Selectman Pellegrini joined the meeting for this item.

A motion was made by Mr. Colby to go into Executive Session at 8:01; seconded by Mr. VanTasel, and then unanimously voted as approved by members.

Members of the WPCA returned to the Regular Meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority at 8:47 pm.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Steve Jacobs reviewed the following items as current correspondence:

- a) **WPCA Prospective member:** Mr. Botiello said he had received a letter from a prospective member from Mr. Jacobs. Mr. Getman asked about the individual's political affiliation. He felt it would be important to add a Republican or an Independent. Mr. VanTasel agreed.
- b) **WPCA 2011/2012 Budget.** Mr. Jacobs said the BOS has agreed with the WPCA 2011/2012 Budget, with some minor modifications.
- c) **Scitico Pump Station invoice.** Mr. Jacobs stated that he referred the most recent invoice to the First Selectman and the Town Attorney. He added that the Town Attorney recommend the WPCA continue to take no action.
- d) **Rye Hill Circle.** Mr. Jacobs stated he had received a letter from the State Health Dept. regarding violations on Rye Hill Circle, and proposing putting meters in. He responded to the State, that the Town has an agreement with Hazardville Water Co, who is responsible to maintain and operate the system..
- e) **FEMA letter.** Mr. Jacobs said he sent an application for a Letter of Map Ammendment, LOMA, to FEMA, in hopes of a lower flood insurance premium for the Somersville Water Pollution Control Facility.

VIII. BILLS:

Mr. Jacobs submitted the following invoices for payment:

Huntington Power	\$896.00
Macalaster Bicknell	\$174.13
Weld Power	\$295.50

A motion was made by Charles Colby to accept the bills; seconded by Steve Getman, then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Charles Colby; seconded by Dan Fraro, and unanimously approved to adjourn the March 1, 2011 Special meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fraro, Secretary

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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